confined to certain areas for trading purposes. He remarked that the Gang Rules are insufficient as one or two police constables cannot control the gang and that action is being taken in Calcutta to keep them under control.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 23.

Amendment of the Breach of Contract Act.

(*a*) Messrs. C. Vamana Rao, Basappa and Mylarappa. Nagar taluk; K. Chikmallappa, Gundlupet taluk; and Dorasawmy Iyengar, Chamrajnagar taluk.
(*b*) Messrs. Kesavadasa Iyengar and Kesava Char, Belur taluk. Messrs. Subba Setty and Sannegowda, Manjarabad taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The Breach of Contract Act may be made to apply to cases in which labourers from South Canara receive advances from landholders in the Malnad and abscond without fulfilling their engagements. Offences under this Act may be made extraditable.

(*b*) With a view to get coolies to work in the coffee estates in Mysore, mestries from the neighbouring British Territory are being employed by the estate owners. In many instances these mestries demand and take large advances on the plea of fetching coolies. But when they fail to act according to the contract, by stopping away in their homes in British Territory, there is no law at present by which they could be enforced to come back for work, etc. This involves great loss and trouble to the planters. Pray, therefore, that the Breach of Contract Act be made extraditable.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 24.

Loading of carts.

Messrs. M. Subba Rao and Syed Rahim Sab, Heggaddevankote taluk.

Summary of discussion.—At present carts are being loaded with logs out of all proportion to the strength of the bullocks yoked to them. While this causes great hardship to these animals, the travelling public are also put to much inconvenience, as these carts get broken and are left on the roadside. It is prayed that a Regulation be passed fixing the quantity of load that may be put into carts according to the strength of the bullocks yoked.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 25.

Crackers to be excluded from "Explosives."

Mr. K. Ramanna, Hole-Narsipur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—According to the recent decision of the Chief Court, crackers are included among "Explosives" and as such cannot be kept without a license according to law. As boys are in the habit of using them almost every day for play, the Law may be so modified as to definitely exclude crackers and similar articles from the term "Explosives."

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 26.

Measures to minimise drunkenness in the State.

Messrs. H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan taluk, Mahomed Imam Sab and Subba Rao, Tarikere taluk, and Kalle Gowda, Mudgere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Having regard to the growing evil of drunkenness among certain sections of the population, especially the agricultural and labour classes, it is desirable that the Government be pleased to introduce local option or local veto, reduction in the number of hours during which the shops are open, the